

Introduced by Senator Sher

February 20, 1998

An act relating to solid and hazardous waste.

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SB 2172, as introduced, Sher. Solid and hazardous waste classification.

Existing law provides for the regulation of hazardous waste under the hazardous waste control laws by the Department of Toxic Substances Control and specified local agencies. The California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 provides for the regulation of solid waste by the California Integrated Waste Management Board and local enforcement agencies.

This bill would enact the California Solid and Hazardous Waste Classification Reform Act of 1998 and make a statement of legislative findings and declarations regarding the identification, classification, and regulation of solid and hazardous waste.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. This act shall be known, and may be
- 2 cited, as the California Solid and Hazardous Waste
- 3 Classification Reform Act of 1998.
- 4 SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
- 5 following:

1 (a) Californians generate millions of tons of wastes
2 each year that require safe and effective management to
3 protect human health and the environment.

4 (b) Wastes produced and managed in the state range
5 from relatively benign inert wastes to extremely
6 hazardous wastes that pose significant threats to human
7 health and the environment.

8 (c) Several state agencies are involved in the
9 classification and regulation of wastes and waste products,
10 including the California Integrated Waste Management
11 Board, the State Water Resources Control Board, the
12 California regional water quality control boards, the
13 Department of Toxic Substances Control, and the State
14 Air Resources Board. Some of these agencies are
15 independently proposing regulatory changes that may
16 change the manner in which wastes are identified,
17 classified, and managed in the state.

18 (d) Presently, in many situations, regulated entities
19 contend that there is no coordinated and consistent
20 framework for identifying, classifying, and regulating
21 solid and hazardous waste in the state to ensure adequate
22 protection of human health and the environment.

23 (e) It is in the interest of the people of the state to
24 direct the state environmental agencies to develop a
25 consistent and coordinated system for managing solid and
26 hazardous wastes in the state.

